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CHINA - WARNING

WHILE SECURITY CONDITIONS IN CHINA HAVE IMPROVED, THE SITUATION REMAINS MORE UNSETTLED THAN BEFORE THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN MAY. THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONTINUES TO RECOMMEND THAT NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL TO CHINA BE DEFERRED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE DEPARTMENT ADVISES AMERICAN TRAVELERS TO HEED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

-- BE CERTAIN THAT ALL PASSPORTS AND VISAS ARE CURRENT. CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED THE DEPARTURE OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO THEY CLAIMED EXCEEDED THE TERMS OF THEIR VISITORS' VISAS.

-- BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT CARRYING INTO CHINA DOCUMENTS, LITERATURE, LETTERS, ETC., THAT MIGHT BE REGARDED AS OBJECTIONABLE BY CHINESE AUTHORITIES. CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE SEIZED RELIGIOUS AS WELL AS POLITICAL MATERIALS.

-- UPON ARRIVAL IN CHINA, AMERICANS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO REGISTER WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIJING OR WITH ONE OF THE CONSULATES GENERAL IN SHANGHAI, GUANGZHOU, SHENYANG, OR CHENGDU. THIS APPLIES EVEN TO AMERICANS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE EMBASSY OR CONSULATES GENERAL.

-- EXERCISE CAUTION, ESPECIALLY IN BEIJING, PORTIONS OF WHICH REMAIN UNDER MARTIAL LAW WITH A CONTINUING SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE OF THE CHINESE ARMED FORCES.

-- AVOID GOING OUT AFTER DARK IN BEIJING AND REFRAIN FROM PHOTOGRAPHING TROOPS OR AREAS WHERE DISTURBANCES HAVE OCCURRED.

-- HEED ORDERS GIVEN BY A CHINESE SOLDIER, POLICE OFFICER, OR OTHER SECURITY OFFICIAL.

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CHINA - CAUTION

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ADVISES THAT MARTIAL LAW REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR PORTIONS OF BEIJING AND TIBET. IT HAS BEEN RELAXED IN BEIJING, THOUGH TROOP PRESENCE IN THE BEIJING AREA REMAINS HIGHER THAN BEFORE THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN MAY.

TRAVELERS WHO PLAN TO REMAIN IN ANY ONE LOCATION FOR MORE THAN A FEW DAYS, OR IN THE COUNTRY FOR MORE THAN A FEW WEEKS, ARE URGED TO REGISTER WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIJING OR WITH ONE OF THE AMERICAN CONSULATES GENERAL IN GUANGZHOU, SHANGHAI, SHENYANG AND CHENGDU.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONS AMERICANS TRAVELING IN ANY PART OF CHINA TO HEED ORDERS GIVEN BY A CHINESE SOLDIER, POLICE OFFICER OR OTHER SECURITY OFFICIAL, AND TO REFRAIN FROM PHOTOGRAPHING TROOPS AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE ALSO TAKEN ACTION AGAINST TRAVELERS WHO CARRIED DOCUMENTS RELATING TO RECENT POLITICAL EVENTS IN CHINA, AND WHO BROUGHT IN RELIGIOUS LITERATURE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN CHINA.

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